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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
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Group Art Unit: 1638
Examiner: Elizabeth F. McElwain
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For: POLYNUCLEOTIDE COMPOSITIONS
ENCODING S-ADENOSYL-L-
METHIONINE:PHOSPHOETHANOLAMINE
N-METHYLTRANSFERASE AND
METHODS FOR MODULATING LIPID
BIOSYNTHESIS IN PLANTS

**NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE PRIMARY EXAMINER
TO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES**

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the Primary Examiner mailed August 20, 2002, concerning claims 1-26, 39-42 and 77-98, in which claims 1-7, 9-13, 39-42, 77-83, 94 and 95 were finally rejected, and claim 8 was objected to.

The fee for filing this Notice of Appeal is \$160 and is attached hereto.

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Respectfully submitted,



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